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The Moose Jaw Times.

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### THE VICTORY.

The elections are over and the victory has been won by the conservative party the Government being sustained by a majority of 43, which is a good working majority. This has been secured upon the grounds Unrestricted Reciprocity. Not only throughout the Dominion have the conservatives been sustained, but in the North West the same four members who sat in Parliament during the last four years have been again elected and by overwhelming majorities. The same conditions do not exist in the North West for drawing hard and fast political lines and consequently there is always a tendency to break on local questions and leave the party lines. Although this has been evident the Government has been sustained. In our own constituency Mr. Davin, our old member, has been elected by a large majority. We extend our congratulations and look forward to a career of greater usefulness in the ensuing sessions of Parliament than in the past.

Now that the elections are over we shall have occasion to refer to matters affecting our own interests which may guide our legislators in their duties towards us.

### Mr. Blake's Letter Public.

#### The Reasons Why He Declined to Remain in Politics.

UNRESTRICTED RECIPROCITY MUST NECESSARILY RESULT IN POLITICAL UNION, AND HE COULD NOT THEREFORE COUNTERACT THE POLICY OF MESSRS. CARTWRIGHT AND LAURIER — THE REASONS IN FULL.

To the Members of the West Durham Reform Convention :

Humewood, Toronto, March 5, 1891.

GENTLEMEN.—I. On the 11th of February last I addressed to your president the following letter :

"Some days ago I requested to be allowed to wait on the Convention.

"My object was to ask that my name should be withdrawn, as I found it impossible to accept the honor of a nomination ; to give my reasons for this conclusion ; to return my heartfelt thanks for the unbounded kindness of four and twenty years and to bid my faithful friends an affectionate farewell.

With this view I had prepared a paper for communication to them.

It had been intimated to me that it is not desirable that I should take the course that I had chalked out, and consequently I defer the communication.

Will you have the goodness to read this letter to the Convention ?

I will only add that the writing of it is the most painful event in the political life of which it is the close."

2 I have now to ask you to receive my most grateful acknowledgements of your resolution of 12th of February, crouched in terms which I know are extravagantly beyond any deserts of mine, and which I can accept only as a last and crowning mark of your kindness and partiality.

3. I have feared from the beginning that every hour's fighting in the contest which ends to-day must widen the rift between us ; and that its close must leave me isolated in opinion and deprived of any right to expect your continued confidence.

4. Therefore, I am cheered by no such expectation now.

But I must give you "vera pro gratis" truths for compliments. You should know the ground of my retirement.

And with that view, all excuse for reticence having ceased, I subjoin the paper referred to in my quoted letter.

I have, etc.,

EDWARD BLAKE

## DAVIN AND TWEED.

The following are the election returns :

WESTERN ASSINIBOIA.			
Polling Booth	Davin	Tweed	
Regina east.....	237	49	
Regina west.....	72	50	
Buck Lake.....	18	0	
Davin.....	16	1	
Balgownie.....	97	15	
Bluffs.....	42	5	
Loon Creek.....	22	0	
Touchwood.....	17	0	
Strassburg.....	16	5	
Mariton.....	16	5	
Craven.....	63	17	
Pense.....	49	5	
Willow Bunch.....	23	16	
Moose Jaw.....	80	179	
Marlborough.....	15	5	
Buffalo Lake.....	21	11	
Taylor.....			
Gagans.....			
Caron.....	6	26	
Wood Mountain.....	10	0	
Swift Current.....	17	30	
Saskatchewan Crossing.....	4	2	
Maple Creek.....	34	85	
Dunmore.....	33	20	
Medicine Hat.....	58	145	
Caffertat's.....	19	5	

### LAST GENERAL ELECTION.

#### DAVIN AND ROSS.

How the Polling Resulted in 1887 in Western Assinibola.

ASSINIBOIA WEST.			
	Davin	Ross	
1 Regina.....	233	71	
2 Balgonie.....	61	16	
3 Loon Creek.....	30	5	
4 Touchwood.....	5	0	
5 Strassburg.....	12 maj.	8 maj.	
6 Mariton.....	—	—	
7 Craven.....	61	14	
8 Pense.....	39	12	
9 Willow Bunch.....	5	6	
10 Moose Jaw.....	59	109	
11 Caffertat's.....	15	16	
12 Buffalo Lake.....	17	5	
13 Caron.....	10	11	
14 Wood Mountain.....	1	51	
15 Swift Current.....	15	8	
16 Saskatchewan Crossing.....	3	3	
17 Maple Creek.....	50	20	
18 Dunmore.....	12	3	
19 Medicine Hat.....	76	46	
20 Red Deer.....	6 maj.	—	
Total.....	728	407	

### ECHOES OF THE FIGHT.

HAMILTON, March 7.—It is said that the ballot box for Ancestor division, South Wentworth, is missing. If this is true another count will be necessary. Both sides claim the constituency.

#### REILLY WAS NOT IN IT.

CALGARY, March 8.—The latest returns from outside polling places give a majority of 1,777 to Davin with eight places to hear from. Reilly does not seem to have been in it.

#### SIR JOHN THOMPSON'S MAJORITY.

HALIFAX, March 7.—Sir John Thompson's majority in Antigonish, was two hundred and twenty-seven as stated at the declaration proceedings yesterday. Sir John said the government majority in the new house he thought would be about the same as in late parliament.

#### SIR HECTOR AT QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, March 8.—Sir Hector Langevin arrived here Saturday afternoon and was driven home in a hand four-in-hand. Hon. Thos. Greevy, the defeated candidate for Quebec West, sat next the minister of public works, and some two hundred carriages followed. The procession proceeded to Sir Hector's residence where speeches were delivered.

#### DALY'S MAJORITY 452.

BRANDON, March 7.—Daly's majority is 452, all polls heard from. There will be a very light change from this when the returns are confirmed.

#### DEWDNEY ONE THOUSAND AHEAD.

MOOSEJAW, N. W. T., March 7.—The latest returns give Hon. Edgar Dewdney a majority of 934 with the south yet to hear from, which will increase his majority materially ; Fort Helly is also to hear from and it is certain to increase his majority. His opponent will most likely lose his deposit of \$200.

### DETERMINED INCENDIARIES.

LISTOWELL, March 8.—Incendiaries bound and gagged the night watchman at Hess Bros. furniture factory and then fired the premises which were totally destroyed, waterworks, pumps and fire alarm wire having been tampered with to insure the destruction of the factory. The loss is not estimated ; insurance \$31,000. The Western Lancashire and National of Ireland are interested.

STRAYED.—Into this vicinity, last fall, and are now running with my horses one light bay horse and one grey horse, branded on the shoulder.

R. F. MANLEY, Parkburg.

## PARLIAMENT CALLED.

It Will Meet On Wednesday The 29th Of April.

The Session Will Not Last more Than Two Months—Sir John Macdonald Experts Over Thirty Majority in the New House.

OTTAWA, March 6.—The Dominion Parliament has been summoned to meet on Wednesday, the 29th day of April. After a Speaker has been elected the House of Commons will adjourn until the following day when the Speech from the Throne will be delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General. This session is expected to be a short one, not likely more than two months.

Sir John Macdonald, although suffering from his cold, was up this morning receiving and answering telegrams from all parts of the country congratulating him on his victory in one of the most determined political struggles in the history of Canada since confederation. It was, however, considered necessary that he should be kept in perfect quiet for a few days longer and in order to inform and reassure anxious visitors, Dr. Powell issued the following bulletin to day :

"Sir John Macdonald is shaking off the cold recently contracted in the west as rapidly as can be expected. I have insisted on a few more days of complete rest."

Sir John said to-day that he expected to meet parliament with a majority of thirty-three to thirty-five.

#### LATER.

OTTAWA, March 8.—The statement that Parliament has actually been summoned for April 29th is not exactly correct. It is extremely probable that this date will be selected, but the matter will not be definitely settled until the Cabinet meets.

## RANCHER TOM.

#### LETTER I.

MY DEAR FATHER :

Last week I arrived in Moose Jaw, and after resting a few days began to look around for a good piece of land whereon to settle, but before choosing a location, I thought that I would visit a few of the farms in the country. So accompanied by two young men I travelled around enjoying myself immensely. The first view of the prairie is not very pleasing, the dull monotony, the level sameness, not a tree, not even an old stump or stone to enliven the scenery or take away the strange feeling of loneliness which takes possession of a young man accustomed as I have been to city life. Scenery did I say, there is no such thing. But then I did not come out here to view the landscape, or shoot grouse, but to find a fortune in the soil. After the first sensation of disappointment had worn off, I began to look around the farms and I did not expect much and much was not therefore given. I found that many of the people have been residing in the country six and eight years, some of which have been good, but during some of the seasons the crops have not been abundant. I sympathized deeply with some of the people until having engaged in conversation with a goodly number, I gleaned some prairie ideas, novel indeed to me. I soon learned that the love of money was deeply imbedded in the souls of the farming community, and any idea of home life, they were utterly strangers to on the prairie. Comforts they have none, and they seem not to long for them, apparently contented if only they can gather in the dollars. Any kind of a building will do for a house, and when you look at the building it conveys the impression that the settlers had camped for a few days upon the prairie, and were like the wandering Israelites journeying toward a land of promise, flowing with milk and honey. At any rate they seem not to have obtained much milk or honey in this land. The homes could be made better and comforts increased without any additional expense by a proper utilization of time. I found that nothing was done in the winter, but the hours were spent in idle gossip and visiting neighbors, or the farm was left to take care of itself, and the proprietor went to reside in town. They all seem to be well off, if judged by their actions, for they have a summer residence in the country where their farming operations are carried on, and a winter residence in town where they spend their money and enjoy all the associations of city life. Instead of spending their leisure time in the winter improving their buildings and making comfortable homes they prefer to live in "shanties" There are two kinds of shanties in the country. The married man's shanty and the bachelor shanty. The Benedict Shanty consists of two rooms, divided according to the taste of the lady of the shanty. Sometimes the kitchen and dining room are

in one and there is a separate bedroom, and sometimes the bedroom and dining room are one with kitchen separated from the other. A small frame building 10x12, or if funds will allow 12x16, is the beginning of the prairie mansion. A few pictures on the wall, a small table, two chairs and a trunk for the visitors to sit upon, and a few home relics. The more ambitious provide the extras which add to the comfort and appearances of the interior, the exterior being allowed to take care of itself. How shall I describe to you the Bachelor Shanty ? Language fails me. I have read Shakespeare, Emerson and Ruskin incessantly and I cannot find words among my choicest authors to picture accurately the mansion of the solitary anchorite upon the prairie. Shades of Dante and Milton rest upon me, that I may relate the wondrous beauty and indescribable blessedness of the home of Young Mortality in the west. How shall I begin ? Yesterday I drove out five miles, and beheld as a speck upon this vast expanse of land, a lone lapsed, sorrowful looking building. I went direct to the spot and as I expected the farmer monk had fled. All around lay old boots, tin cans, scraps of clothing which must have dropped off the solitary man as he pursued his weary way. Had I been possessed of pencil and paper I think I could have given you from the surroundings a very good photograph of Young Mortality. The building was about 10 x12 or rather less, with half a window and a very small door. There was only one thickness of boards and the house sat on the ground, as if ready to depart at a moment's notice, like its master. The door happened to be unlocked, and pardon my boldness, I entered. There stood an old stove of the cheapest kind, in the corner was a bed made of rough boards nailed to the wall, one chair and a small table, a looking glass, basin and tiny shelf constituted the furniture. The walls were adorned with newspapers and pictures cut from the Graphic, Dominion Illustrated. The floor had not been swept for some months and had never been washed, and I cannot tell when the bed had been made. The dishes still stood on the table unmoved, unwashed, unused and unregretted for several days, and old clothes lay around in all directions. Everything seemed to indicate a sudden departure, caused by an Indian uprising, a prairie fire, or a social gathering some miles distant. After returning to town upon making some inquiries, I was informed that this particular shanty belonged to one of our most prosperous young farmers who is a graduate of Cambridge University, and that it is a good specimen of the asylum of the poor, forlorn despised members of the male sex. I need not tell you that there are a large number of marriageable young ladies, well educated and unengaged, who would soon transform these Bachelor shanties into respectable homes, but I am credibly informed that it is dangerous for any young man to remain unmarried longer than two years in this country, for there has been discovered bacteria in these shanties which slowly but surely undermine the intellectual constitution of young men, making them unwilling to be married.

Our medical man who is quite an expert has been experimenting for some time to discover some means whereby he might destroy these bacteria, but hitherto his labors have been unsuccessful. I will not detain you any longer, but will relate more of my experience next week.

Your Affectionate Son,

TOM.

PASQUA.

Sunshine after storm, fully ten inches of snow here. The election was the cause of great excitement. The ratepayers of the school district will meet on March 10th. Farmers look out, spring will soon be here. March came in like a lion, 20° below zero. Let us hope it will go out like a lamb.—Com.

NAPOLÉON'S HEAD.—Napoleon's head was of peculiar shape, but that did not protect him against headache. Sick headache is a common and very disagreeable affection which is quickly removed, together with its cause, by the use of Burdock Blood Bitters, as never-failing medicine for all kinds of headaches.

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EDITORIAL EVIDENCE.—Gentlemen,—Your Hagyard's Yellow Eye is worth its weight in gold for both internal and external use. During the late La Grippe epidemic we found it a most excellent preventive, and for opened limbs, there is nothing to equal it. Wm. F. FLEMINGTON, Editor Delta Reporter.

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